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God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We also read,

God commends his love to us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

What we could not do, Jesus did for us. He took on himself the punishment due to us for our rebellion against God. In full accord and agreement with God the Father, he died the most horrible of deaths — and then rose again.

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